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CC:
Subject: Re: Oil and Grease Samples

It is critical if we decide to do all of the O & G samples. However, due to my difficulties with the test, I may be able to only run a few. This project has really bothered since I did not think that I would be able to run all of the O & G samples.

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Extractor #1 has completely malfunctioned and needs repair. I think that other 3 extractors will be OK! I need to test them out now and completely and finish the Havertown analysis. So, we now have only 7 operating extractors. This definitely impact the amount of samples. I may be able to run some of these samples and if we do not find any O & G that these samples need to be contracted out. I will let you know at the end of the day on the number of working extractors that we have. In future you to discuss with me about the number of samples that I can do for any analysis. Oil and grease can be a very difficult analysis and very dependent on the operator skill and expertise with the system.

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Ron,

Your expertise is very valuable for this highly important project. I understand the difficulties that you encounter with this analysis and, on Thursday, we will reassess the level of support we provide. In the meantime, please continue to permit John to offer assistance so we can at least attempt to analyze some of the samples arriving this week.

I also noticed you have a PR for standards. Is this one critical (order this week) and, if yes, does Cindy need to send them to another cardholder?

Cindy

From: Ron Altman/ESC/R3/USEPA/US
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Cindy,

I was training John to help with the oil and grease samples for the Dimock project. I appreciate his help.

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It is not a good sign that only 50% of the extractors are working properly. I will unable to run any of the samples for the Dimock project due to instrument malfunction due to large number of samples. You need to send these samples to another EPA lab. I will try to salvage the Havertown samples. I do hope that in the future that you have the courtesy and decency of talking to me as analyst to determine if I can handle that large of a sample load for oil and grease.

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